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## State of New Hampshire.

{ L. S. }

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Newington qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following subjects :

1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
2. To choose Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Superintendent of Burying Ground, Janitor of the Town Hall, Auditors, Highway Agents and a Library Trustee.
3. To choose Measurers of Wood, Surveyors of Lumber, Fence Viewers, Pound Keeper, Fish and Game Wardens, Police Officers and all other necessary town officers.
4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for town expenses.
5. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of highways and bridges.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the maintenance of the public library.
7. To see what disposition the town will make of the town's land and buildings.
8. To see if the town will vote to cut wood on the town's land for the school, library, poor and meetings.
9. To see if the town will vote to erect a set of horse sheds, at or near the town hall, and make appropriation for the same.
10. To see if the town will pass any vote relating to the town's cemetery.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-third day of February, 1895.

JACKSON M. HOYT, CLARENCE M. deROCHEMONT, STILLMAN A. PACKARD,	}	Selectmen of Newington.
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## Selectmen's Report.

### STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

State Tax,	\$545 00
County Tax,	540 17
	<hr/> \$1085 17

### SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount assessed,	\$436 00
Dog money on hand 1894,	72 14
Literary Fund,	59 69
	<hr/> \$567 83
Less R. Pickering's School Tax,	12 12
	<hr/> \$555 71

Orders issued on the Treasurer by the Seclectmen :

No. 1, C. M. de Rochemont, bill of John D. Randall, for printing town reports last year,	\$26 00
2, Frederick Pickering, for library appropriation,	15 00
3, Benjamin S. Hoyt, highway agent, for balance due to pay shoveling bills,	53 83
4, James B. Pickering, for the same purpose,	27 75
5, Geo. Tyler & Co., Boston, road machine,	210 00
6, Jackson M. Hoyt, bills contracted in trial of road machines,	35 00
7, Joseph H. Hoyt, finding body of James Doolan and notifying selectmen,	3 00
8, Frederick Pickering, part of library appr'n,	15 00
9, Ruby S. Frink, interest on note,	50 00
10, Hoyt & Dow, school supplies,	30 13
11, Rider & Cotton, hand-cuffs,	4 50
12, Henriette E. de Rochemont, for school,	150 00
13, J. L. Beers & Co., school supplies,	9 00
14, C. M. de Rochemont, doors for school house,	9 25
15, J. M. Hoyt, for labor as follows: Resetting 3 gravestones in lead as per vote of the town,	3 00

Repairing roof of town barn,	8 00	
Making, painting and hanging new gates at the town house,	2 50	
Making, painting and putting up two conductors at town hall,	2 00	
Resetting window glass at town hall and town house,	75	
Sawing wood for school,	4 00	
Hauling wood to meeting-house and library,	1 75	
Sawing and splitting wood for library,	1 75	
Time and expense to Concord,	5 00	
Time devoted to enforcing dog law,	1 25	
		30 00
16, Albert H. Garland, 2 days, enforcing dog law,		3 00
17, Thomas E. Call & Sons, lumber furnished town,		28 22
18, Isaac F. Jenness, inspector of election, Nov. 6, 1894,		2 00
19, William T. Brown, cutting wood,		7 25
20, Jackson M. Hoyt, cutting 9 3-4 cords wood and hauling 17 cords,		18 25
21, Mary S. Hoyt, for selectmen's dinners,		1 50
22, C. M. de Rochemont, insuring town barn, dwelling and road machine, 3 years,		12 50
23, Luther C. Pickering, sexton, and repairs to lamps,		20 00
24, Gee Pickering, wire for fence on highway,		55
25, John J. Greenough, inspector of elections,		11 00
26, Louis C. Beane, inspector of elections,		2 00
27, W. O. Junkins, return of births and deaths,		2 00
28, City of Portsmouth, R. Pickering school tax,		1 50
29, Everett J. Paul, picking up body of George Grace and notifying selectmen,		12 12
30, Hoyt & Dow, supplies furnished selectmen, books and stationery,		3 00
31, John D. Randall, printing checklist and postal cards,		9 16
32, Pryor & Matthews, material for town,		3 25
33, L. L. de Rochemont, board of education, salary,		9 14
34, L. L. G. de Rochemont, inspector of elections, Nov. 6, 1894,		12 00
35, F. W. de Rochemont, supervisor fees, Nov. 6, 1894,		2 00
36, Frederick Pickering, cost of wire for fence,		15 00
		2 05



37. Frederick Pickering, balance of library appr'n,	45 00	
38, Moses H. Witham, error in highway tax,	2 50	
39, Benjamin S. Hoyt, labor on town buildings,	4 80	
40, F. W. de Rochemont, services as collector of taxes and printing of tax bills,	31 00	
41, Hoyt & Dow, school supplies,	77 48	
42, Thomas F. Pickering, town clerk, other charges,	15 00 4 50	
43, Thomas F. & Jas. B. Pickering, cost of wire for fence,	5 00	
44, C. M. de Rochemont, selectman,	15 00	
Postal cards,	75	
Doolan drowning case,	1 00	
Hauling lumber for town barn,	1 00	
Police badge,	50	
Paint for school house doors,	50	
Lock for school house doors,	1 00	
Hinges for school house doors,	30	
	<hr/>	20 05
45, C. M. de Rochemont, cost of wire for fence,	9 98	
46, Asa H. Wentworth, damage to hens by dogs,	2 50	
47, Henriette E. de Rochemont, part of school money,	200 00	
48, L. L. de Rochemont, damage to turkeys by dogs,	9 00	
49, Jackson M. Hoyt, selectman,	20 00	
“ “ supt. of burying gr'd,	10 00	
Moderator, 2 years,	3 00	
Doolan and Grace drowning cases,	2 00	
Labor on school house doors,	1 50	
Labor on storm house,	3 00	
Labor on school shed,	2 00	
Paid F. Moody, labor on shed,	1 00	
Stick of timber for shed and boards,	1 00	
Services with veterinarian at D. P. Paul's,	2 00	
Perambulating town line at Ports'h,	1 00	
Postage stamps,	70	
Putting up and taking down guard rail and voting booths for Nov. election,	75	
	<hr/>	47 95
50, S. A. Packard, selectman,	15 00	
Perambulation of town line,	1 00	

Doolan and Grace drowning cases,	3 00	19 00
51, Gilbert P. Hoyt, services as treasurer.		10 00
52, Frederick Pickering, damage to sheep by dogs,		6 00
53, Chas. H. Pickering, damage to goose by dogs,		1 00
54, John J. Greenough, damage to hens by dogs,		2 50
55, Chas. A. Hodgdon, supplies for town hall,		1 21
56, N. P. Furber, auditor,		2 00
Total amount of orders,	\$1362 42	
Amount of highway agents' orders,	731 53	
State tax,	545 00	
County tax,	540 17	
Paid Ruby S. Frink, on note,	400 00	
Total amount expended,	\$3579 12	
Cash on hand with Treasurer,	370 43	
Amount due school board,	205 71	
Balance of town's money with treasurer,	\$164 72	
DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN.		
Ruby S. Frink's note,	\$600 00	
TOWN DEBT.		
Ruby S. Frink's note,	\$600 00	
Less balance of town's money with treasurer,	164 72	
	\$435 28	

The cemetery trust fund which our predecessors deposited with the Portsmouth Trust and Guarantee Co., we have withdrawn and given over to the Town Treasurer, while the interest accrued is in the hands of the Supt. of Burying Ground together with the town's bond to faithfully carry out the provisions of the trust.

The foregoing report is a true statement of the affairs of the town for the year ending Feb. 15, 1895.

JACKSON M. HOYT,  
CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT,  
STILLMAN A. PACKARD,

*Selectmen of Newington.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NICHOLAS P. FURBER, AUDITOR.



## Treasurer's Report.

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### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1894,	\$499 55
Savings Bank Tax,	794 90
Literary fund,	59 69
Railroad tax,	36 53
Rent of town house,	23 00
Rent of town hall,	27 00
Rent of town pasture,	10 00
Sale of cemetery lots,	33 00
Dog license,	101 40
From board of education,	7 47
From collector of taxes,	2157 01
DeMeritt Trust Fund,	200 00

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\$3949 55

### PAID.

Ruby S. Frink, on note,	400 00
Orders of Selectmen,	1362 42
Orders of Selectmen for highways,	731 53
State tax,	545 00
County tax,	540 17
Cash on hand,	370 43

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\$3949 55

GILBERT P. HOYT, TREASURER.

NEWINGTON, FEB. 15, 1895.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NICHOLAS P. FURBER, AUDITOR.

## Highways.

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Amount of highway tax assessed,	\$557 66
Cost of Road Machine bought by the selectmen as per vote of the town	<u>\$210 00</u>

The following bills were contracted at the trial of the Road Machines in April and May, 1894.

Paid C. M. & H. deRochemont, time and team	\$10 10
F. W. deRochemont, man and horses	2 70
Charles A. Dame, horses	2 00
Louis C. Beane, self and horses	7 20
J. Howard Knox, self and horses	5 40
S. A. Packard, ten hours at 16c.	1 60
J. M. Hoyt, four days at \$1.50	6 00
	<u>\$35 00</u>

Orders were issued by the Selectmen on Treasurer in April last to Messrs. Benjamin S. Hoyt and James B. Pickering, Highway Agents last year, to pay bills contracted by them in removing snow from the highways, amounting to \$53.83 and \$27.75, respectively; a total of \$81.58.

Orders issued by the Selectmen on Treasurer to pay bills ordered by the Highway Agents, to the following persons:

Agents.	Jas. B. Pickering.	Amos Dame. Israel S. Hoyt.
Frederick Pickering,	15 82	
John F. Hoyt,	2 88	
James William Hoyt,	21 60	
Amos Dame,	1 50	
Harry deRochemont,	8 64	
Israel A. Neill,	3 96	
Patrick McDonough,	2 72	
Thomas F. Pickering,	5 07	
Alfred L. Brooks,	3 80	
Victor E. Brooks,	4 00	

Agents.	Jas. B. Pickering.	Amos Dame	Israel S. Hoyt.
Arthur Brooks,	6 16		
F. W. deRochemont,	4 32		
Joshua B. Pickering,	6 84		
James B. Pickering,	22 39		
John W. Towle,	4 48		
Asa H. Wentworth,		8 45	
Joseph C. Adams,		6 50	
Joseph H. Leavitt,		7 85	
Daniel Davis,		5 20	
Henry M. Tetherly,		3 20	
Chas. H. Pickering,		9 30	
Isaac F. Jenness,		1 60	
Chas. H. Allard,		5 20	
Chas. A. Dame,			18 80
Thomas Newick,		7 80	
Thomas B. Hoyt,		10 40	
Patrick McDonough,			3 20
William C. Pickering,		5 80	
Jeremiah Quill,		4 20	
Valentine M. Coleman,			17 00
Albert H. Garland,		2 60	
Amos Dame,		32 00	
L. L. deRochemont,			13 80
Richard P. Hoyt,			5 20
Isaac Dow,			8 80
Moses H. Witham,			9 00
James A. Hoyt,			3 20
Israel S. Hoyt,			23 00
Benjamin S. Hoyt,			12 80
Daniel Littlefield, drain pipe,			22 71
James W. Coleman,			15 60
Edward F. Brown,			3 20
John E. Downing,			1 60
Joseph Boss,			10 80
Daniel Littlefield, drain pipe,	14 55		
Joseph S. Hoyt,		9 30	
Joseph H. Hoyt,		1 60	
Marcus M. Hoyt,		1 60	
J. Howard Knox,			5 04
Joseph W. Whidden,			9 40
Joseph Stopford,		3 60	
John Knight,			5 20
John I. Trefethen,		2 00	



Agents.	Jas B. Pickering.	Amos Dame.	Israel S. Hoyt.
Frank L. Lester,			12 00
John J. Greenough,		12 00	
Louis C. Beane!	7 60		
John S. Pickering,		7 82	
Louis C. Beane,			5 60
George Pace,		10 20	
Chas. A. Hodgdon, winter,	2 56		
Cyrus Frink,	18 72		
Chas. H. Pickering, winter,		8 00	
Gilbert P. Hoyt,		5 50	
Thomas B. Hoyt,	7 20		
George H. Howe, winter,	2 56	80	
Franklin A. Pickering,			3 90
F. W. deRochemont, winter,	6 62		
Harrison Downing, winter,			3 20
Edward T. Downing, winter,			4 20
John Wetherby, winter,	4 16		
H. J. Caswell, “	3 36		
William L. Furber, winter,	4 30		
Israel A. Neill, winter,	7 44		
Frederick Pickering, winter,	2 56		
Joshua B. Pickering, “	2 32		
James H. Coleman, winter,			1 68
John F. Hoyt, winter,	1 28		
Martin D. Hoyt, “	1 28		
Darius Frink, “	3 28		
Darius Frink,	7 92		
A. F. Durgin, winter,			2 48
Moses H. Witham, winter,			3 48
Daniel W. Badger,			14 40
Daniel W. Badger, winter,			64
E. F. Brown, “			4 00
Wm. C. Laws, “			3 04
Harrison Downing, “			1 36
Edward T. Downing, winter,			2 08
L. L. de Rochemont, “			4 00
Alfred L. Brooks, “	7 04		
Arthur Brooks, “	2 08		
Thomas F. Keefe, “			96
Byron M. Stopford, “	1 28		
Joseph Stopford, Jr., “	4 70		
C. M. de Rochemont, “			56
Joseph McDonald, “			1 60

Agents.	Jas. B. Pickering.	Amos Dame.	Israel S. Hoyt.
Thomas F. Pickering,	"	5 70	
Albert C. Pickering,	"		3 80
Chas. W. Coleman,	"		1 28
Jackson M. Hoyt,	"		1 12
James Wm. Hoyt,	"	4 96	
James B. Pickering,	"	21 80	
Cyrus Frink,	"	1 80	
John W. Towle,	"	1 92	
Ephraim P. Downing,	"		3 68
Henry Beane,	"		1 60
Enoch Coleman,	"		1 60
James W. Coleman, winter,			3 32
Chas. A. Badger,		12 40	
James W. Coleman,	2 62		
Chas. A. Dame, winter			2 10
John Knight,	"		4 76
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	265 79	184 95	280 79

SUMMARY.

Summer work,	\$590 45
Winter work,	141 08
Road machine,	210 00
Cost of trial,	35 00
Paid B. S. Hoyt,	53 83
Paid J. B. Pickering,	27 75
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Total,	\$1058 11
Paid for cost of wire for fence near highway as follows:	
Gee Pickering,	\$11 00
Frederick Pickering,	2 05
T. F. and J. B. Pickering,	5 00
C. M. de Rochemont,	9 98
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	\$28 03

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

It is very gratifying to be able to report that there has been no occasion for our services in this department, making, we believe, the third year in succession that no application has been made for town aid to the poor.

JACKSON M. HOYT, *Chairman.*

## DOG ACCOUNT.

Whole number of dogs licensed, 48; five of them females.	
Dog money on hand last year and added to the school money,	\$72 14
Dog licenses less clerk's fees,	101 40
Paid L. L. deRochemont for 11 turkeys	\$9 00
Asa H. Wentworth for 5 hens	2 50
Frederick Pickering, sheep	6 00
Chas. H. Pickering, 1 goose	1 00
John J. Greenough, 5 hens	2 50
	\$21 00
Other bills paid from the dog account	
Paid Albert H. Garland, two days enforcing dog law	3 00
J. M. Hoyt, time devoted to enforcement of dog law	1 25
John D. Randall, printing notices	75
	\$26 00
Leaving a balance of dog license	\$75 40

Several bills for damage done to fowls by dogs were presented too late to be legally paid, and we wish to call attention to the fact that the law requires immediate notice after the discovery of the damage, giving the selectmen an opportunity to proceed to the spot and appraise the amount to be paid.

Bounty on hawks amounting to \$5.25 was paid by the selectmen, and the same amount was returned to them by the State Treasurer on December 13, 1894.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, April 1, 1894: Boys, 25; Girls, 23; Total 48.

## INSURANCE ON TOWN'S PROPERTY.

Town House, expires Jan. 1, 1898	\$300 00
Town Barn and road machine, \$50 and \$150	200 00
Town Hall, expires Jan. 1, 1896	1,400 00
Church, " " " "	1,000 00
School House, " " " "	1,400 00
Library " March 15, 1896	2,000 00
Library books " " " "	1,500 00



## School Report.

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In compliance with the requirements of the Public Statutes, the School Board of Newington herewith submits the annual report for the year ending February, 1895.

The year just passed has been a successful one for the school. The school has been in session 32 weeks, and the winter term, now in session, will continue throughout March.

The spring term was taught by Miss Emilie deRochemont, the fall and winter terms by Miss Hattie M. Hook.

Mr. Chauncey B. Hoyt of Portsmouth has generously given his services as special teacher of writing for the rest of the year.

The efforts of the School Board have been earnestly directed to securing the best possible for the interest of the school, and it gives them pleasure to state how greatly they have been helped in this duty by the hearty co-operation of the teachers. They believe that the teachers have been thoroughly competent to give the needed instruction and faithful in the performance of their duties. Their personal influence has been such as to win the confidence and respect of the scholars and inspire a real interest in learning. Evidences of their success and of the prosperity of the school are seen in the quiet, orderly manner in which the school has been conducted, and in the kindly feeling and pleasant relations existing between teachers and pupils.

The attendance has been good, comparison with the statistics of last year, showing a slight increase in the average daily attendance. The Roll of Honor for the first term has the name of William K. Coleman, and for the second term Beth L. Hoyt.

During the year \$107 was expended for school supplies. The average cost to each scholar is thus less than \$3, which

would seem as low as could be expected since the school was found to be in need of many common supplies, and additional text-books were necessary to replace those worn out. With better equipment for work the school has made marked progress during the year, and the Board believes that it is a most important step in maintaining a good school that the school should be kept well supplied with all things necessary for successful work.

The Board most earnestly recommends that, if possible, the same teacher be retained throughout the year. However great the fitness of a teacher for the place, the details of the work and some knowledge of the scholars must be acquired by her before any successful work can be done. When two or more changes are made in the year much valuable time must, of necessity, be wasted. The confusion that invariably follows these changes should be avoided by retaining throughout the year the services of an experienced and energetic teacher.

Miss Hook has given unusual satisfaction. Her methods are good and in keeping with modern ways of teaching, and it would seem the wisest plan for the school to remain in her charge.

The Board also recommends that the school year be lengthened, making it 38 weeks, which time is much in favor in New England schools.

Repairs and improvements are needed in the school-house, and the Board advises that a small appropriation be made for that purpose.

Parents and others interested are urged to visit the school and become acquainted with the daily work, both for their own satisfaction and for the encouragement of teachers and scholars

HENRIETTE E. deROCHEMONT,	} <i>Board of Education.</i>
EDITH G. HOYT,	
ABRA H. GARRETT.	

## TABLE OF GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Name of Teacher	Length of school in weeks	Wages per month	Whole No. of scholars	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of daily atten.	No. in Arithmetic	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Algebra	No. in Book-keeping	No. in Physiology	No. in Reading	No. in Spelling	No. in Penmanship	No. in History	No. of pupils not absent
Spring	Emilie deRochemont . . .	10	\$40	41	31	.8158	39	19	11	2	2	7	41	41	6	1	
Fall	Hattie M. Hook . . .	11	\$44	35	25	.8621	33	18	14	2	8	35	35	35	3	1	
Winter	Hattie M. Hook . . .	not ended	\$55	39	32	.820	39	25	20	6	10	15	39	39	39	15	

Number of scholars not less than five years of age who have attended public school not less than two weeks, 55.

Number of persons between 14 and 21, unable to read and write.—

Number of children between 5 and 15 not attending school, boys 2.

Number of children reported by Selectmen, girls 23; boys 25.

Number of visits by school board, 14.

Number of visits by citizens, 33.

Money raised by law,	\$423 88
Literary Fund,	59 69
Dog money,	72 14

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

## EXPENDITURES.

Sarah A. Beane, teaching,	\$ 25 00
Sarah A. Beane, care of school,	9 75
F. A. Pickering, tuition of one scholar in Portsmouth in 1893,	7 00
L. L. deRochemont, tuition of two scholars in Portsmouth in 1893,	14 00
D. W. Badger, tuition of two scholars in Portsmouth in 1893,	14 00
V. M. Coleman, tuition of one scholar in Portsmouth, one term in 1893,	2 33
Mrs. McDonald, cleaning school-house,	3 00
Mrs. Howe, cleaning book-closet,	50
B. S. Hoyt, labor and material,	2 86
" " " " " "	5 30



Portsmouth Furniture Co., table,	8 00
Emilie deRochemont, teaching ten weeks,	100 00
Martin Hoyt, services as janitor,	7 50
Hattie M. Hook, teaching 11 weeks,	121 00
B. S. Hoyt, labor and material,	4 70
G. B. Chadwick, opening door and fitting two keys,	1 20
L. L. deRochemont, bringing G. B. Chadwick to and from Newington,	1 00
D. W. Badger, tuition of 3 scholars in Portsmouth, 1894,	30 00
L. L. deRochemont, tuition of 2 scholars in Portsmouth, 1894,	20 00
C. M. deRochemont, tuition of 1 scholar in Portsmouth, 1894,	10 00
F. W. Pickering, tuition of 1 scholar in Portsmouth, 1894,	10 00
Tuition of Annie Knight in Portsmouth, 1894,	7 00
Hattie M. Hook, teaching 11 weeks,	151 25
Half the cost of school-room door,	7 47
Henriette E. deRochemont, cash paid out for stationery and services as treasurer,	3 00
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	\$565 86

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1894,	\$300 62
Received for 2 book cases,	1 50
“ from Town Treasurer,	150 00
“ “ “	200 00
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Whole amount received,	\$652 12
Expenditures,	565 86
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Balance in treasury,	\$ 86 26
Balance of school money due from town,	205 71
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Assets,	\$291 97
HENRIETTE E. deROCHEMONT, )	Board
EDITH G. HOYT, )	of
ABRA H. GARRETT. )	Education.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Newington School Board and find them properly cast and with proper vouchers for all expenditures.

FREDERICK PICKERING, *Auditor.*

## The Langdon Library.

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As another year in the history of the Langdon Free Public Library draws to a close, the trustees submit to the public their third annual report, which embraces the library year from February 5, 1894, to February 15, 1895.

The trustees are gratified to report that after two years' trial the new building shows no appearance of imparting dampness to the books; and the re-arrangement of the book cases much improves the lighting, general appearance and convenience of the reading room.

A book case for the reference library, a magazine rack for periodicals, and an umbrella rack for the vestibule have been added to the furnishings of the library.

Recognizing the value of the state publications, the trustees have asked that the name of Newington be added to the list of privileged towns entitled to all state publications as they are issued.

The information contained in these reports is collected with great care, and published at great expense, for the enlightenment of all citizens of the state; and though these books may not equal in attractiveness other classes of books, some of them are of positive and increasing value and interest; and such works are sought in all parts of the world by those who desire to study our institutions as a basis for the administration of public affairs in other communities.

During the past year the accession catalogue has been nearly completed, and the work of preparing a catalogue for home use is well underway. In estimating the time

and thought involved in this undertaking, it may be said that Rochester has recently completed the classification and cataloguing of a library, about the size of our own, with the help of a trained assistant from the Dover library, whose services were continuous there for three months to supervise the work of the regular attendants. A librarian from another part of the state sends us his recently published catalogue with the statement that he has given five years' study to the work, and has had the assistance during the whole summer of an expert in the preparation of his book.

While the trustees purpose to exercise due diligence in the care of the library and its valuable contents, they do not regard books as specimens of bric-a-brac, too delicate for handling or too fine for daily use; and since those books most constantly in circulation inevitably show signs of wear, it requires much judgment to determine at what stage of dilapidation re-binding should take place. It is also a nice question to decide what magazines and other periodicals are worthy of preservation in substantial bindings.

With reference to a few authors, whose books are most frequently called for, it is well to note that books that entice are not always the ones we most need to read. Though it is generally true, as Oliver Wendell Holmes wittily remarks, that the foolishhest book is a kind of leaky boat on a sea of wisdom, and some of the wisdom will get in anyhow. Lord Bacon is surely right in his assertion that some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few chewed and digested. Reading cannot create ability, though it may aid in directing it.

An item which should be of special interest in a library is the character of the selections made by its readers, which are too apt to be hap-hazard, rather than the intelli-



gent, discriminating choice of the best authors. We are glad to report a slight percentage of increase in the line of the best reading, though the percentage of fiction taken out—81 per cent.—is altogether too large. In making selections for the reading table, the trustees endeavor to answer the popular demand and necessities, so far as their resources permit; and suggestions relating to this department are cordially invited and gladly welcomed.

It is hoped that every local organization will follow the example of the W. C. T. U., the Ladies' Reapers' Circle, the Y. P. S. C. E., and the Sabbath School, in regularly supplying the reading table with periodicals representing their respective aims and principles.

The trustees desire that all periodicals should enter the general circulation, and thus disseminate widely, not only a knowledge of standard authors in the different departments of literature, but also the most recent thoughts of current writers on matters pertaining to religion, science, politics, temperance, agriculture, domestic economy, amusements, fashions, etc.

The officers of the library are pleased to know that their efforts to meet the wants of the citizens have been appreciated, and that so many persons, especially the young, avail themselves of the advantages of the reading table and the reference library. They would be glad to see this number so largely increased as to make the furnishing of the side room for their accommodation an imperative necessity.

As many of the details of library work may be best exhibited by figures, properly tabulated, we append to the text of this report the following tables containing our financial statement and other information of special importance :

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## CASH RECEIVED.

Annual appropriation, town of Newington,	\$15 00
Interest of Langdon Fund,	60 00
Fines collected,	2 32
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Total,	\$77 32

## CASH EXPENDED.

Deficit, last year,	\$ 7 89
Librarian's services,	25 00
Periodicals for reading table,	13 90
Librarian's supplies,	5 28
Carpenter's work, including stock,	10 65
Cleaning floors, windows, etc.,	2 65
Oiling floors,	2 50
Balance on hand,	9 45
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	\$77 32

The following donations have been received during the year :

Woodbury Langdon, 65 bound volumes, besides duplicates to be exchanged.

State of New Hampshire, 5 bound volumes.

Hon. J. H. Gallinger, Washington, 1 bound volume.

Geo. Wm. Marston, Newburyport, 2 bound volumes.

American Library Association, catalogue of model library.

Kingston, N. H., library catalogue, (pamphlet.)

Winchester, N. H., " " "

Lebanon, N. H., " " "

Mrs. A. Davis, portrait of Rev. Franklin Davis.

Miss Helen Langdon, two dozen cabinet portraits of authors.

Mrs. Frances Perkins, one dozen Japanese ivy plants.

Mr. Morton M. Hoyt, mosaic wood work and easel.

The Reapers' Circle, subscription to Ladies' Home Journal.

W. C. T. U., subscription to Union Signal.

The Sabbath School, subscription to Sunday School Times.

Y. P. S. C. E., subscription to Golden rule.

## LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Whole number of volumes,	2054
Periodicals, regularly supplied,	12
Borrowers registered to date,	268
Whole number of books issued during year,	3891
“ “ “ days open to public,	50
Average number of books given out,	75
Largest number issued in one day, (August 4,)	103
Average number, each borrower, for year,	15
Number of non-resident visitors,	75
Fines collected,	\$2 32

No record is kept of the number of reference books consulted at the library.

## CIRCULATION BY CLASSES.

Arts and sciences,	164
History and biography,	160
Travels and researches,	161
Drama, essays, and poetry,	130
Fiction,	3162
Current periodicals, (taken out,)	98

In concluding this report the trustees invite attention to the remarkable growth of libraries in the country within the past few years. Our own state is proud to claim the first legislative enactment authorizing the establishment of town libraries. Peterborough contains the oldest free town library in the country, and perhaps in the world, for Old World libraries are not supported by popular taxation. Realizing the significance of the latter clause of the state law of 1828, relating to the disposition of the State Literary Fund, Peterborough applied its portion of this fund for 1833 to the purchase of books for a town library.

Under the law of 1891, there have been added to the educational influences of the state 113 free libraries.

Though of recent origin, our own public library deserves recognition as a permanent educational institution, and as such it should offer the facilities and receive the patronage and financial support which its importance demands,



furnishing as it does the greatest agency for promoting education supplementary to the public school, and giving to the whole people the readiest means of culture.

The fact that the circulation of books is on the increase is gratifying, and we urge the people to multiply their visits to the library established and maintained for their benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK PICKERING,	}	<i>Board of Trustees.</i>
JAMES W. COLEMAN,		
ELDORA A. PICKERING,		

FAITH E. STAPLES, *Librarian.*

## Bond.

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{ L. S. }

Whereas, the town of Newington has received from the executor of the will of the late Susan D. F. deMerritt the sum of two hundred dollars, to be held in trust perpetually by said town, the net income to be expended for the proper care of the burial lot wherein the remains of the deceased donor and family repose. It is hereby agreed by, and in behalf of said town, that in consideration of this bequest the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said town does hereby bind and obligate itself forever to pay and appropriate the annual sum of six dollars from time to time, each year, to the superintendent of burying ground, or to a board of trustees, whichever the town may designate, to be used and applied in accordance with the provisions of said bequest.

Witness the hand and seal of said town this 28th day of February, A. D. 1895.

CHAUNCEY B. HOYT.

The town of Newington by  
JACKSON M. HOYT;  
CLARENCE M. deROCHEMONT, } *Selectmen.*  
STILLMAN B. PACKARD,  
GILBERT P. HOYT, *Treasurer.*

## Report of the Supt. of Burying Ground.

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During the past year I have disposed of burial lots to the following named persons:

May 16, ,94.	To George A. Coleman, Greenland, 1 lot	\$5 00
Aug. 8,	Isabelle Dorey, Newington, 1 lot	1 00
Jan. 31, 1895.	Samuel W. Hoyt, Portsmouth, 1-2 lot	2 50
" "	Benjamin F. Carney, Portsmouth, 1-2 lot	7 50
Feb. 1, "	Florence Hoyt, Newington, 1 lot	1 00
2, "	Charles A. Garland, Portsmouth, 1 lot	15 00
12, "	Frelinghuysen Moody, Newington, 1 lot	1 00
		<hr/> \$33 00

I also acknowldge the receipt of \$16.25, being the interest accrued on the DeMeritt Trust Fund to date, none of which has been expended. I have also in my possession the town's bond relating to said Trust Fund. I will suggest that during the coming season part of this income be used in renovating the Fabyan lot.

JACKSON M. HOYT, *Supt. of Burying Ground.*

# Marriages registered in the Town of Newington, for the year ending December 31, 1894.

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Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age of each in years.	Color.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of parents.	Number of Marriage.	Name, Residence, and official station of person by whom married.
July 4	Greenland	Alexander Archibald	Newington	21	All white.	Labor'r	Nova Scotia	Charles Archibald	Nova Scotia	Farmer	1	Rev Edward Robie, Greenland, N H
July 4	Greenland	Angeline Stopford	"	21		At home	Berwick, Me	Lucy Campbell	"	Housewife	1	
Dec 25	Newington	Ira W Witham	"	27		Farmer	Acton, Me	Joseph Stopford	England	Housewife	1	
Dec 25	Newington	Lucy M Cole	"	19		At home	Newington	Josiah W Witham	Acton, Me	Farmer	1	Rev C W Rogers, Newington N H
								Sarah M Witham	Kittery, Me	Housewife	1	
								*Andrew J Cole	Eliot, Me	Carpenter	1	
								*Abby B Cole	Newington	Housewife	1	

\*Adopted.

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS F. PICKERING, *Town Clerk.*



Births Registered in the Town of Newington, for the year ending December 31, 1894.

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Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of Child.	Living or still-born.	Sex.	Color.	No. of Birth.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
1894 Mar 8	Newington	Roy Neill	L	M	All White.	2	Israel A Neill	A B deRochemont	Newington	All White.	Farmer	Calais, Me	Newington	30 24	
17	"	Margaret Pickering	L	F	"	1	George W Pickering	Annie E Cook	"	"	"	Newington	Utica, N Y	32 26	
Apr 1	"	Pauline E Knox	L	F	"	2	James H Knox	Paulena A Shaw	"	"	"	Portsmouth	" — Mass	30 22	
Aug 7	"	Elsie R Hodgdon	L	F	"	2	Herbert E Hodgdon	Fergetta Tarrio	"	"	Shoemaker	Newington	New Brunswick	24 19	
Aug 9, '92	"	Chauncey G. Hod'd'm	L	M	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	24 17	

\*Was not reported by the attending physician.

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS F. PICKERING, Town Clerk.

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Newington, for the year ending December 31, 1893.

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Date of Death.	Names.	Sex.	Color.	Married, Single, or Widowed.	Age			Occupation.	Place of Birth.	Disease or Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
					Years.	Months.	Days.							
Jan	3 Eliza Ann Oxford	F	All White.	w	75	8	5	Lady	Newington	Rheumatism	Joseph Nutter	Eliza Peverly	Newington	Newington
	10 Edith Witham	F	All White.	m	31	5		Housewife	Wakefield	Cancer	John G. Sanborn	Mary Garvin	Wakefield	"
Apr	1 Nchemiah Pickering	M	All White.	m	72	7	14	Farmer	Newington	Gangrene	Benj Pickering		Newington	"
July	17 Abby B Cole	F	All White.	m	63	2		Housewife	"	Bronchitis	George Towle	Clarinda Neal	"	"
Aug	7 James G Dorey	M	All White.	m	69			Carriage-m <sup>n</sup> 'k <sup>r</sup>	England	Injury to Spine	William Dorey	Jane Vye	England	England
	14 Sarah Pace	F	All White.	w	95	1	3		New Brunswick	Old Age	Henry Belyea	Mary Parks	New Brunswick	New Brunswick
Oct	11 James Hoyt	M	All White.	m	89	10		Farmer	Newington	"	William Hoyt	Charlotte Pickeri <sup>g</sup>	Newington	Newington
Nov	4 Elizabeth Stopford	F	All White.	m	56	4		Housewife	England	(Congesti <sup>n</sup> of L <sup>g</sup> 's	Robert Jones	Ann Gilligan	England	England

I hereby certify that the above record is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS F. PICKERING, Town Clerk.







